



DATE: June 8, 2016

AGENDA ITEM #2

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Jon Maginot, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager

SUBJECT: Provide input regarding the renaming of Community Plaza to Veterans Plaza

BACKGROUND

Community Plaza is a 0.16 acre plaza located at the intersection on Main and State Streets in downtown Los Altos. The Plaza was built in 1994 as a joint effort between the City, Rotary Club and the adjoining Citibank. While Rotary Club and Citibank were instrumental in the construction of Community Plaza, the Plaza is the City's.

DISCUSSION

A group of community members has approached the City with a proposal to change the name of Community Plaza to Veterans Plaza to honor all military veterans that have served the United States of America.

Chapter 9.28 of the Los Altos Municipal Code sets forth the criteria for naming or renaming of public parks. It lists the following criteria which may be considered in selecting a name: 1) Neighborhood or geographical identification; 2) natural or geological features; 3) historical or cultural significance; 4) the articulated preference of residents of the neighborhood surrounding the public facility; and 5) a person or group of persons who have made an unusually outstanding public service contribution, provided that such person has been deceased for at least twenty-five (25) years.

The following groups have indicated support for renaming Community Plaza to Veterans Plaza: Rotary Club of Los Altos, Los Altos Chamber of Commerce, Los Altos Village Association, Foothill College, American Legion Los Altos Post 558 and Los Altos Kiwanis Club.

Following input from the Parks and Recreation Commission, the recommendation to rename Community Plaza to Veterans Plaza will go before the City Council for approval.

Attachments: None

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